

## ***Biodiversity Day with Aengus***

On Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, we enjoyed a day of learning about the biodiversity of our local woods and school grounds. We visited the woods (with the Mass Rock) in Carndonagh.



We explored the woods and investigated the oak, holly and hazel tree.





We examined the primitive fern leaf. We walked through a carpet of oak leaves. We listened for birds calling.



We built little mouse houses using a variety of twigs, mosses, grass etc. It was great fun!

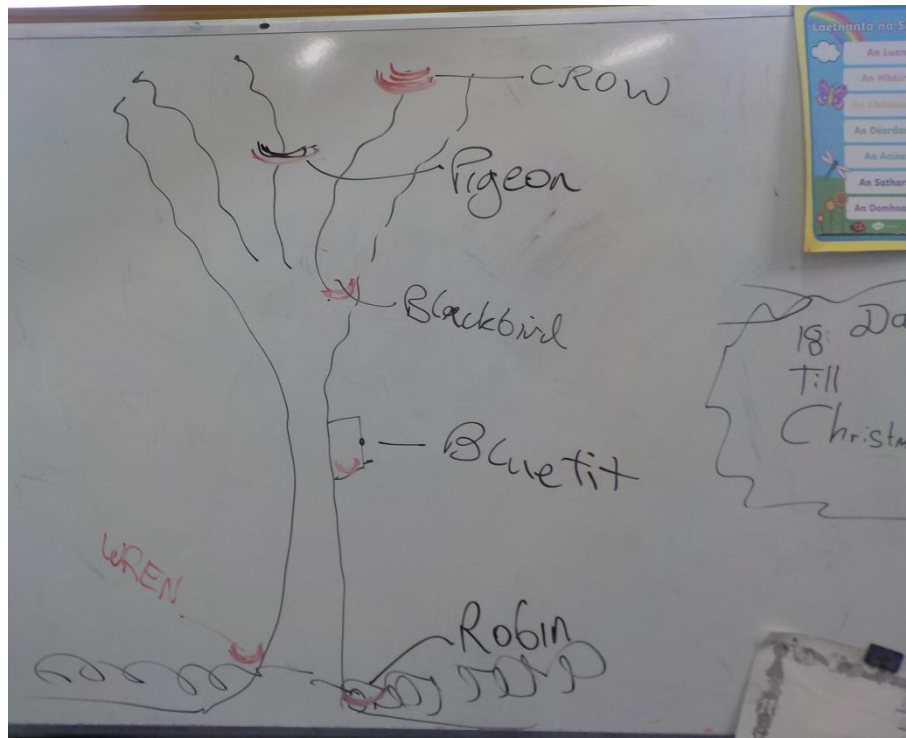


We had a great trip to the woods!

When we came back to school we made little books showing the different parts of the tree/forest that you will find common birdlife.



We drew pictures of a tree and Aengus showed us the different birds that you might find at each level. For example, you would find a crow nesting at the top of the tree and a robin at the base of the tree. It was very interesting.



Some of our finished books ☺



In the afternoon, we made some bird food for the hungry birds! We used twigs, lard, raisins and porridge oats to

create twig bird feeders. It was a very messy, hands on task! Luckily, our teachers helped to clean up!!! Aengus advised us not to give any salty foods to the birds to eat. It can be toxic.



We looked at the different trees on our school grounds. We discovered Birch, Scots Pine, Alder and Sitka Spruce . We are lucky to live in such an area of wide biodiversity.

